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Drugs

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Office of Congressional Inquiry
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Tom:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter and news article sent me by a constituent who seems to feel she may have been the unwitting target of drug experimentation by the CIA. Could you please provide me answers to her queries?

Thanks.

Sincerely,

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Senator Mike Gravel
U. S. Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Gravel:

I need your help.

Enclosed is a clipping regarding certain CIA activities involving secret drug experimentation programs conducted in a number of institutions in the U.S.

Can you advise me if the University of Montana at Missoula, Montana, was involved in that activity? The years I am concerned about are 1971 through 1973.

Also, can you find out if the Victorian Hotel, 54 4th Street, San Francisco, California, is or has been used during the last 8 years as a CIA safe house?

Any help or answers you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Enclosure

CIA to notify drug victims

WASHINGTON (AP) — The CIA will attempt to locate and notify individuals who secretly were given drugs or were the subjects of other mind-controlling techniques in agency-sponsored experiments more than 12 years ago, its director testified Wednesday.

CIA Director Stansfield Turner told a joint hearing of the Senate Intelligence Committee and the health subcommittee he had no idea how many individuals were involved in the testing, some without their knowledge.

More than 80 institutions, in-

cluding 44 colleges or universities, and 185 non-government researchers were used in the tests. Many were not aware that the CIA was supplying the funding through intermediary foundations, Turner said.

Turner said no names of individuals who may have received drugs unwittingly are in CIA records, but "we are working to determine if there are adequate clues to lead to their identification; and if so, how to go about fulfilling the government's responsibilities in the matter."

Turner told the senators he would not release the names of institutions and researchers who did the testing, but said under questioning that perhaps some way could be found of notifying them privately and letting them decide whether their names should be public.

"I believe we all have a moral obligation to these researchers and institutions to protect them from any unjustified embarrassment or damage to their reputations which revelation of their identities might bring. I think I would be doing them a disservice if I made them public," he said.

In addition, he said, he was legally bound under the Privacy Act not to disclose the names of the individuals without their consent.